Torrance, California June 9, 1953

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, June 9, 1953, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

Councilman Blount led the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 26, 1953, and the minutes of a Hearing held June 3, 1953, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place for the opening of bids for gasoline and diesel oil.

City Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bids:

GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL BIDS

FIRM	GASOLINE Regular	Ethyl	DIESEL FUEL
MacMillan Petroleum Corp.	.186	.201	No Bid
Ragsdale and Newell	.178	.194	.131
Seaside Petroleum Products	.1785 T&T	.1985 T&T	.117007T&T**
Shell Oil Company	No Bid	No Bid	.132 T.W. .127 T&T
Signal Oil Company		.1981 T&T .2085 T.W.	.137 T&T
Standard Oil Company	.191 T&T .201 T.W.	.2060 T&T .2185 T.W.	.147 T&T
Tide Water Associated Oil Co.	.181 T&T .191 T.W.	.1984 T&T	.142 T.W.
Union Oil Company	.18 T&T .191 T.W.	.219 T.W.	.137 T&T .142 T.W.

^{**} This grade not recommended for our use.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place for the opening of bids for tires and tubes.

City Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bids:

TIRE AND TUBE BIDS

FIRM	TIRES BRAND NAME		TUBE BID TOTAL PRICE
FIRESTONE	Firestone	\$2,438.18 \$	250.90
GOLDEN WEST RUBBER PRODUCTS	Diamond	2,397.88	236.66
G & N DISTRIBUTORS	Goodrich	2,563.93	253.89
JOHNNY GILLETTE TIRE CO.	U. S. Royal	2,314.11	245.51
PAUL'S CHEVROLET COMPANY	General	2,448.45	309.36
RAGSDALE & NEWELL	U.S. Royal	2,718.31	260.91
T. B. A. SUPPLY COMPANY	Did not bid	on all sizes	
RICHARDSON TIRE COMPANY	General	2,443.66	275.54
MC COLLUM BUICK	U. S. Royal	2,663.54	350.36
E. J. BENDA	Goodyear & Atlas	2,799.37	286.56

TIRE AND TUBE BIDS (Cont'd.)

FIRM	RETREADING DISCOUNT	DISCOUNT
FIRESTONE	33-1/3%	8
GOLDEN WEST RUBBER PRODUCTS	No Bid	
G & N DISTRIBUTORS	40%	2% - 10 days
JOHNNY GILLETTE TIRE CO.	40/10%	
PAUL'S CHEVROLET COMPANY	30% Dismounted	
RAGSDALE & NEWELL	No Bid	
T. B. A. SUPPLY COMPANY		
RICHARDSON TIRE COMPANY	25% Passenger 25 & 10% Comm.	2% - 10 days
MC COLLUM BUICK	50%	2% - 10 days
E. J. BENDA	30%	

Councilman Spelman moved all gasoline and diesel fuel bids and tire and tube bids be referred to the City Manager for his recommendation, and that bids be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place for the opening of bids for furnishing public pound services for the City of Torrance for 1953-1954.

City Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bid:

Bid from the South Bay Humane Society, 20336 Earl Street, Torrance, agreeing to perform the duties of Poundmaster in and for the City of Torrance for a period of one year, commencing July 1, 1953. In consideration of furnishing the services as outlined in the Instructions to Bidders, the South Bay Humane Society agrees to accept as compensation

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therefor, 90% of all of the dog license fees and charges collected in and for, or by the City of Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved the South Bay Humane Society be awarded the bid for public pound services for the City of Torrance for 1953-1954. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Mrs. Mae Kenny requesting stop signs be placed at the corner of Sharynne Lane and Linda Drive.

Councilman Drale said this has been taken care of. Councilman Spelman moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Claim of Helms Bakery for damages to one of their trucks caused by City truck on May 18, 1953.

Councilman Spelman moved this claim be denied and referred to our insurance carrier. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Invitation from the International City Managers' Association for City Manager Stevens to attend the 39th Annual Conference of the International City Managers' Association to be held at Los Angeles, September 20-24, 1953.

Councilman Benstead moved that City Manager Stevens attend this conference. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Torrance Industries Tax Committee recommending the fullest possible use throughout the year of available school playground facilities, and opposing any additional recreational tax levy at this time.

Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Application from Robert Emmett, Bay Cities Taxi, 406 Garnet Street, Redondo Beach, California, for a taxicab permit. City Clerk Bartlett recommended the permit be granted.

Councilman Drale moved a taxicab permit be granted to Robert Emmett. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from the Torrance Barber-Shoppers for use of the Civic Auditorium, rent free, Saturday night, July 25, 1953.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead requested City Manager Stevens to notify the Teen Agers' Club the Auditorium would not be available for their dance on July 25th, but they could have the use of the Auditorium on Friday night, July 24th.

Letter from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick concerning the costs of the off-site sewer constructed by G. R. G. Inc. on 182nd Street from Arlington Avenue to St. Andrews Place.

Councilman Benstead moved this be referred to the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Requests from J. E. Young Pipeline Contractor, Inc., and E. C. Losch Company, for thirty days extension of time in their contracts with the Torrance Municipal Water District.

City Manager Stevens recommended that thirty days extension be granted to the J. E. Young Pipeline Contractor, Inc., as their delay was through no fault of theirs. However, both he and Mr. McVicar, Water Superintendent, recommended the extension to the E. C. Losch Company be denied at the present time until certain matters are settled.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens and Mr. McVicar. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Letter from the American Rock Wool Corporation advising the steps they are taking to dispose of the waste water from their plant.

Councilman Benstead moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Letter from Riviera Productions proposing to film - "Torrance - California's Modern Industrial City," at a cost of \$1000, which is included in the Chamber of Commerce request for funds for 1953-1954.

Councilman Drale moved this communication be referred to the budget meetings. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

At 9:00 p.m. Mayor Schwab declared a ten-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Letter from Marvin H. Goettsch tendering his resignation from the Torrance Recreation Commission, effective June 2, 1953.

Councilman Spelman moved the resignation be accepted, the communication filed as a matter of record, and suggested a letter of thanks be written to Mr. Goettsch for his services to the City, and that Mr. Goettsch continue to receive a copy of the minutes of the Recreation Commission as he requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Torrance Unified School District stating their desire to meet with the City Council.

After a general discussion as to the date of the meeting, it was agreed Mayor Schwab would arrange the time and place for this meeting.

Letter from Assemblyman Vincent Thomas advising that the Legislature has approved an item in the budget providing for the construction of an armory in Torrance at an estimated cost of \$157,000.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

- 1. That Betty F. Ingram be appointed in the first step to serve temporarily as Account Clerk in the Water Department, effective April 13, 1953.
- 2. That Augustine G. Solis be appointed in the first step to serve temporarily as Laborer in the Park Department, effective May 11, 1953.
- 3. That Fred J. Miller be appointed in the first step to serve temporarily as Construction Inspector in the Engineering Department, effective May 18, 1953.
- 4. That Robert K. Rogers be appointed in the first step to serve temporarily as Construction Inspector in the Engineering Department, effective May 23, 1953.
- 5. That Frederick W. McCann be appointed in the first step to serve temporarily as Assistant Plumbing Inspector in the Building Department, effective May 25, 1953.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items one through five, under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

 Payment for City's share of engineering costs on Seaside Ranchos Sewer District, the sum of \$902.02 - will be refunded from State funds. Barclay Surveying Company, for engineering services during May, 1953, the sum of \$660.00.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items one and two, under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of Transmittal recommending approval of Tract No. 19208, consisting of 27 lots, located east of Hawthorne Boulevard and northerly of proposed 226th Street, to be developed by Harbor

After a general discussion regarding the sewers and the location of the tract, Councilman Drale moved to defer action on this tract until the next regular Council meeting, pending the decision of the Hearing on the adjacent tract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of Transmittal from the Planning Commission recommending approval of Tract No. 18594, consisting of 187 lots, located south of Pacific Coast Highway and west of Meadow Park tract line, to be developed by Ellinwood Corporation.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving tract number 18594. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call

vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending that Case No. 130 be amended to include a triangular piece of land, approximately fifteen acres in area, to permit the use of the open pits for water storage, subject to special conditions. Case No. 130 permitted the Torrance Sand & Gravel Company to operate and maintain a sand and gravel pit on a portion of Lot 5, Tract 9765.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be forwarded to the Pacific Homeowner's Association for their approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the 15-foot front yard setback on all lots in Tract 15569, as requested by Palisades Builders.

Mr. Scott, representing the people who are developing this tract, said the map has already been recorded, the Palisades Builders sold it to another group, the grading has already been done, and they are asking for this setback so the houses will not be so close to the existing slopes of the banks that are there now. Councilman Blount inquired if any provisions had been made

for planting these slopes.

City Manager Stevens said he had a letter dated June 13, 1950, signed by Mr. Victor Gerard which stated all lots have been graded to drain to the front and that no water will flow down the steep banks except the water which actually falls thereon, and that all steep banks along the rear of the lots in this tract will be planted with ice plants, and that such planting on each lot will be completed before the house thereon is released for occupancy.

City Manager Stevens said this was one of the conditions that went with the acceptance of the tract and which should carry along

with the tract.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be sent back to the Planning Commission, that the case be restudied, and that the usual forms be sent to the City Council telling the number of lots, type of homes, amount of square feet, etc. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the request of Mr. Donald G. Hunt for a waiver of rear yard setback from 20' to 17.5' and a waiver of front yard setback from 20' to 10' on property located at 372 Calle Mayor, due to the contour of the land and the odd shape of the lot.

Councilman Benstead inquired why this setback was necessary. Mayor Schwab said he had checked both these cases with the Engineering Department and that in both cases it was necessary due to the contour of the land.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of

the Planning Commission in granting the waiver to Mr. Hunt. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. DECLINED TO VOTE: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 2398

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AND APPROVING MEMO-RANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF GAS TAX ALLOCATION FOR MAJOR CITY STREETS.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2398. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2399

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM HAROLD F. EGGUM AND ELEANORE B. EGGUM.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2399. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2400

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES, A CORPORATION SOLE.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2400. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2401

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2401. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2402

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM YUKIKO OURA.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried

unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2402. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2403

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM SOUTH BAY BAPTIST CHURCH, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2403. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll

call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2404

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2391.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2404. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll

call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2405

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PAUL'S CHEVROLET.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2405. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll

call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2406

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONSENTING TO THE DETACHMENT FROM SAID CITY OF CERTAIN TERRITORY DESIRED TO BE ANNEXED BY THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2406. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll

call vote.

City Attorney Hall requested City Clerk Bartlett to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the City Clerk, Redondo Beach, California.

ORDINANCE NO. 638

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 248.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 638 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 643

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1952 EDITION, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 462 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 643 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 644

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE TETHERING OF HORSES OR CATTLE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 644 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 645

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCE NO. 446.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 645 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 646

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612, SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH E, SUB-PARAGRAPH 1.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 646 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 647

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A LICENSE FEE FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 647 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale,

carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Blount moved the City Manager be instructed to inform our present Recreation Director, Mr. Frank Carpenter, that his services will not be needed at the end of his probationary period, and further that the City Manager be instructed to contact the top man on the Civil Service list, and, if he is not available, that an examination for that position be called for as soon as possible. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved the City Council go on record as opposing the ten-cent recreation tax requested by the Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Blount said it was his understanding this tax was requested to repay the cost of the proposed swimming pool, and that this matter should be discussed at the budget meeting to which it has previously been referred.

Motion lost by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCIL-MEN: Benstead and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Spelman requested that the signboard at the southwest corner of Hawthorne and Sepulveda Boulevards be investigated as this, in his opinion, is a traffic hazard. Mayor Schwab referred this matter to the Traffic Commission.

City Manager Stevens said Mr. McVicar, the Water Superintendent, requested the City Attorney to render a decision on the matter of water service he requested.

City Attorney Hall said Mr. McVicar has reference to his request to spend some \$6400 in the Hickory-Iris area for main line extensions. Mr. Hall said he had approved it and that our water ordinance may have to be amended to recover the money, subject to the Council's wishes. City Manager Stevens said this also included an area in the vicinity of 236th, Hawthorne and Madison, and that Mr. McVicar was very anxious to get this matter settled.

Councilman Blount moved that Mr. McVicar be instructed to proceed with these main line extensions. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale inquired if any progress has been made with the five-acre park in Seaside Ranchos. City Manager Stevens said an offer had been made to the City of \$4000 an acre. We do not have the money to close the deal, however, the City intends to submit another offer.

Councilman Spelman moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 10:20 p.m. Councilman Blount moved the meeting adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE